

St. Mary's Park Improvement Club



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Hi neighbors! The next meeting of our club will be held on **Tuesday, September 13** at 7:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Park Recreation Center, Murray and Justin. All are very welcome to attend.

Welcome back! This is the first bulletin for the last quarter of 1994. We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable vacation.

A very happy birthday or anniversary wish for our members celebrating under the signs of Virgo and Libra.
Birthstone: Sapphire Flower: Morning Glory or Aster

Thank you to all of the members that helped clean up the Park for Mother's Day - an excellent job!

At our last meeting in May, the annual "pot luck" gathering, we had 39 members attending. The food was outstanding and everyone enjoyed the meeting. *Notice: Someone left a beautiful dinner plate behind. It is a "Studio Nova" Gallery Ballet pattern (blue circles). If anyone is missing this plate, please phone 587-0722 to recover it.*

Please note the new ads on our newly printed bulletin. The ad for "Affordable Auto Repair & Service" quotes smog checks at \$17.95 - this is a \$1.00 savings off the regular, posted price. Take this bulletin with you to receive this savings.

Thank you to all of our advertisers who renewed for another year, and welcome aboard to our new advertisers. We wish them all the best and we want them all to know how much we appreciate their ads which help us to have a grand looking neighborhood bulletin. Of all the neighborhood bulletins I have seen, ours seems to be the most colorful.

Remember - school is back in session. Please drive carefully as our future generation goes to and from school.

We're still collecting Campbell product labels. If anyone would like a list of these products, and what to save, please call me, Herb Smith, at 587-0722 for a copy of the list.

The Park picnic on May 22nd was a huge success with plenty of food, games and fun for all. The weather cooperated in a big way to bring our members and guests out in large numbers.

The membership committee was busy working during the vacation period to bring in more dues for the year 1994. So far we have collected from 247 homes. That leaves about 48 homes that haven't paid. If you haven't paid your 1994 dues yet, it's not too late. Please mail your dues to SMPIC, 418 College Ave., SF 94112, or just drop it in the mail slot. We are striving to collect more in '94. Be sure to give us your name, address and phone number when paying your dues so that we can maintain our master list. Thank you to all who have paid their '94 dues.

Riddle: A man leaves home. He takes three left turns and returns home to find two masked men waiting for him. Who are they? Answer someplace else in this bulletin.

On June 25th, a mighty crew set out to re-seed the island at the 300 block of College Avenue. This is a large task. We want to thank Ethan Lucas for the use of his rotor tiller; it was a great help in accomplishing the job. The crew consisted of Jeff Milla, Joe Guinasso, Dennis Loughlin, Larry & Barbara Phipps, Bob Lazzaretto, Hans Rudd and John Arnott. If we missed anyone, we're sorry - but thank you to everyone that helped on this project.

Handy Hints: For uniform shaped meatballs, use an ice cream scoop.

The next time you are cooking cabbage, put a heel of bread on top of the cabbage before putting the lid on the pot and there will be no odor, the bread has no effect on the cabbage and should be removed after cooking. Works for broccoli and brussels sprouts, too.



Herb Smith, President

Florence Kolos, Secretary

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It has been brought to our attention that a variety of signs are being posted on telephone, electrical poles, etc. announcing sales of one sort or another. However, these signs remain posted long after these "sales" have taken place. These signs of assorted shapes and sizes are becoming akin to graffiti...so, please, if you post signs, please remember to go around and remove them. We all take pride in a clean neighborhood - and city!

Happy Grandparents Day on September 11th to all grandparents living in the park. Enjoy your grandchildren.



We all hope you were able to do something special over the Labor Day weekend -- the *last* three day weekend of summer.

Fourth of July was fairly quiet this year (compared to some prior years). I noticed several dogs howling because of the noise. Just a reminder, *the San Francisco Fire Department advises that all types of fireworks are illegal to burn in the city and county of San Francisco.*



The first day of Autumn is September 23rd.

Good news for our members who shop at the Diamond Heights Shopping area. The U.S. Post Office reopened on July 18th.

"Thank you" to Jewel Walli and her crew for the touch up painting on the back fences of the homes facing Alemany Boulevard. Thanks to the City for furnishing the paint, rollers, brushes, etc. Great job!

Answer to the riddle: A catcher and an umpire! (The man is a baseball player and he's just hit a home run. A great riddle for you baseball fans)

We can't forget the hard working volunteer crews that take on the job of keeping the islands on Benton and Justin in tip top shape: Mary Hood, Eva Aylward and Ethan Lucas for the care of the Benton island, and Bill Fossett for his care of the Justin island.

How many of our members remember the "Burma Shave" signs along the highways many years ago? Do you remember this one (from 1934):

*"He had the ring. He had the flat.
But she felt his chin
and that
was that."*

Would you like to see more of these in future bulletins? Let me know 587-0722



Crime Listing in the Park: Nothing to report.

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On August 22, I was surprised when I answered the door to find a uniformed man from the Department of Street Cleaning. He stated that his department had received a complaint about the old sprinkler pipes which had been removed and placed at the end of the island on the 300 block of College (at Murray). These pipes were not in the street, nor did they impair pedestrian traffic. It had been arranged that the Department of Public Works would remove the pipes when they removed the excess dirt. Unfortunately, this was not done at that time. The gentleman returned on the following day to advise me that the Department of Parks and Recreation was responsible for removing the pipes but that action had already been instigated to have DPW pick them up. They were picked up by noon on August 25th. *In the future, if anyone has complaints regarding the neighborhood, please notify one of the club officers **first**. Dealing with the city departments takes time before any action can take place.*

It is with deep regret that I have to write this message. In December of this year, our two refreshment ladies, Emilia Smith and Teresa Thran will be giving up their refreshment duties. Both women have health problems. Teresa has held this position in our club for many, many years. Emilia has helped her and then held the position during the period when Teresa was busy with her husband, Henry, who was ill and passed away. We must say that both women have done a wonderful job month after month and year after year. They have provided delicious goodies after each of our meetings along with tea or coffee. If anyone is interested in taking over this position, please let one of the officers know about it. You can always reach me by phone at 587-0722. We need your help. Emilia and I visited another Improvement Club here in the city during the vacation break. We were surprised to learn that they served day-old cakes and cookies from Safeway! We were very fortunate in having two ladies who provided fresh homemade baking (or fresh from the bakery). A job well done - we appreciate the effort to keep our sweet tooth's happy! We'll miss them.

We're sorry to report the passing away of another member of our club. Mrs. Primitive Falcon of Murray Street passed away on August 28, 1994. Our condolences to Mr. Ananias Falcon and his family.

Lots of familiar products such as Big Red chewing gum include a color in the name. To find out how well you know them, take this "colorful" quiz. Fill in the blank to complete the product name:

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